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Solidarity's national leadership and the central authorities in Warsaw appear to be making a concerted effort to establish institutional links and good will in order to prevent disputes from developing into major confrontations. [REDACTED]

As part of his efforts to defuse the tension in Lodz, Solidarity leader Walesa seems particularly intent on showing that the Warsaw authorities are taking a positive approach. Walesa expressed "optimism" after talking with Deputy Prime Minister Rakowski on Monday and said his talks with Prime Minister Jaruzelski had "worked wonders."

Walesa and Jaruzelski agreed on Tuesday to create a joint Solidarity-police commission to investigate charges of police harassment of union members. This action is in line with other efforts in recent weeks, including the creation of a parliamentary commission to review implementation of last fall's Gdansk accords and Jaruzelski's designation of Mieczyslaw Rakowski as the regime's permanent contact with Solidarity. [REDACTED]

Both sides believe they need to establish these ties, particularly to resolve problems between local government and union officials. [REDACTED]

Current tensions in Radom will provide a major test for the new union-police commission. The local Solidarity chapter called a strike alert yesterday demanding an end to "oppression" of union members, dismissal of officials responsible for reprisals against workers during the disturbances in 1976, and release of political prisoners. The local Solidarity organization has scheduled a meeting for today to discuss future strikes. [REDACTED]

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